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BILLESDON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the

YEAR ENDING 31st. DECEMBER, 1942

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VITAL STATISTICS

Birth Rate for England and Wales	15.8
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident populations	16.6
Death Rate for England and Wales	11.6
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated average populations	7.7
Infant Mortality Rate for England and Wales... ...	49
All infants per 1,000 live births...	16.9

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

Medical Officer of Health - J. Young, M.B., Ch.B.,D.P.H.Camb.

The Medical Officer of Health acts for the Leicestershire & Rutland Combined Districts in which this District is included

Sanitary Inspector - S. Shimmin, Certificate of Royal Sanitary Institute, Member of Institute of Hygiene.

The Sanitary Inspector is also Surveyor and is a whole-time Officer.

(ii) Laboratory Facilities

The following examinations from your area were carried out during the year in the County Laboratory, Leicester:-

Milk examinations (bacteriological)	110
Sputa for T.B.	14
Sewage and Water analyses...	8
Swabs for Diphtheria...	3
Urine (general and bacteriological)	3
Urine for T.B....	1
Milk for fat content...	1
Faeces for B.Typhosus..	1
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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. (1) **WATER**

Samples of water taken for analysis:-

		Chemical	Bact
Wells	unsatisfactory	8	16
Piped supply... ...	"	3	3

Number of cases in which pipe supply was substituted for well water 17

Number of Parishes with piped water supply:-

from public mains... 8
from private reservoirs 9

There was a persistent shortage of water at Tilton, apparent shortage by reason of bad distribution at Owston. Connections to mains are still being made in Billesdon, Houghton, Great Glen and Burton Overy. This process is being held up by restriction in supply of material and labour.

Water tanks are ready to distribute fresh water in an emergency. Selected springs are to be improved to form the source from which water can be carted

(2) **DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE**

Number of cesspools in the District at the end of 1942 399

2. (1) **CLOSET ACCOMMODATION**

Total number in the District at the end of 1942 ... ...

(a) Privies 120
(b) Pail Closets 1424
(c) Water Closets... 570

Number of privies converted to Pail Closets during the year 2

(ii) **PUBLIC CLEANSING**

House refuse is removed and disposed off as follows:-

Contract Great Glen and Burton Overy - disposal by crude dumping.

Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Billesdon, Scraptoft, Hungarton and Tilton - disposal by controlled tipping.

Means adopted for the cleansing of earth closets, privies ashpits and cesspools.

Contract - Great Glen and Burton Overy.
Direct labour - Thurnby, Houghton, Stoughton, Tilton Scraptoft, Hungarton and Billesdon. Disposal by trenching into arable land for night soil and disposal on grass for cesspools.

(iii) SALVAGE

Salvage is collected by the Local Authority in Scavenged Parishes and in all Parishes by Mr. G. A. Palmer Council's Hon. Salvage Officer working with Salvage Stewards in villages. Village dumps have been formed under Mr. Palmer's directions and are cleared as soon as he is notified by the Organiser that material constituting a load has accumulated. All classes of salvage, excluding pig food, are collected.

All material collected is dumped at the Council's Cleansing Depot at Stoughton, w ere the few remaining employees have to sort, bale and despatch salvage, thus losing time from their ordinary work.

(iv) SANITARY INSPECTION O F THE AREA

The particulars given under this Heading should be for all purposes including particulars given elsewhere in this report:-

Total number of complaints received	120 +
Total number of defects or nuisances discovered	40

(+ plus innumerable scavenging complaints)

Nature of inspections:-

	Inspections	Revisits
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	300	20
Tents, Vans, etc.	-	-
Slaughterhouses	8	-
Food premises	40	-
Dairies and cowsheds	52	-
Offensive trades	-	-
Animal keeping	1	-
Workshops, etc.	20	-
Shops	20	-
Other premises	9	-
	450	20

NOTICES

Preliminary	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	12	-
Complied with during year	12	-
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st. December	-	-

Statutory	Housing	Other
Outstanding on 1st. January	-	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during the year	-	-
Outstanding on 31st. December	-	-

(v) REGULATED BUILDINGS

Nil

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK SUPPLY

	Cowkeepers	Dairymen or Purveyors of Milk (other than Cowkeepers)
Number on the Register	130	40
Number of inspections of premises	49	21
Number of contraventions outstanding from previous year	-	-
Number of contraventions found during the year	1	2
Number of contraventions remedied during the year	1	-
Number of contraventions outstanding 31st. December	-	1

Total Contraventions

	Outstanding from previous year	Found during the year	Remedied during year	Outstanding 31st. Dec
Cleansing	-	2	1	1
Structural alterations	-	-	-	-
Utensils	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-

MILK SAMPLING

No milk samples have been taken during the year

(b) MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

No regular slaughtering is carried out in the District.

H O U S I N G

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts 60

(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 60

(2) (a) Number of dwelling houses included under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 ... 60

Number of inspections 60

(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 4

(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 15

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICE.

Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	Nil
Number rendered fit by owners	1

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

Number of Notices served..	3
Number of houses rendered fit by owners..	1

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during the year, 1941

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Diphtheria	1	1	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-
Measles	97	-	-
Paratyphoid B	-	-	-

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-25	35-45	45-65	65 and over
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	5	4	6	7	14	42	16	1	1	1	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1941

	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under one	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -15	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
15 -25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 -35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 -45	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
45 -55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 -65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	1			2	1		1	

Diphtheria Immunisation

Further sessions were held during the year at the Council Offices, Thurnby Grange, when inoculations were given by your Medical Officer of Health. It is estimated that at the 31st. December, 1942, 39.79% of children under 5 and 72.65% of children between 5 and 15 were immunised.

Scabies

Six cases of Scabies were treated at the Market Harborough Out-patient Treatment Centre and five cases were admitted to Melton Mowbray Institution Infirmary for In-patient treatment.